

**RESOLUTION NO. 4  
SERIES 2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON,  
COLORADO, CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, desires to establish a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council relating to parks and recreation planning, projects, and budget formulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the structure, powers and duties of such committee as set forth below is appropriate and will serve the purposes intended by the creation of such committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO:**

1. That a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee ("Committee") is hereby created.
2. That the Committee shall have the following powers and duties:
  - a. Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to parks and recreation programs and services.
  - b. Consider the annual budget for parks and recreation programs during its initial preparation and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council and City Manager, with particular attention to the use of funds generated by the 1A initiative.
  - c. Advise in the planning of parks and recreation programs, promote and stimulate public interest for such programs, and solicit the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies interested in such programs.
  - d. Recommend proposals for the acquisition, development and improvement of recreation, parks and playgrounds subject to the terms of the Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan and the rights and powers of the City Council.
  - e. Serve as a sounding board for the submission of ideas regarding parks and recreation facilities.
  - f. Encourage individuals and citizen groups to provide funding, property, and participation for the development and operation of the parks and recreation programs within the City, with particular attention to strategies which strengthen grant applications.
3. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by City Council, determined as follows:
  - a. Four members shall be registered voters who reside within the City limits of the City of Gunnison;
  - b. One member shall be a Gunnison High School student;
  - c. One member shall reside in the North Valley, defined as North of the City limits of the City of Gunnison;
  - d. One member shall be at large.
4. The Committee shall also contain one City Council member, serving in a non-voting advisory role, and the Parks and Recreation Director, who shall guide and advise the Committee as appropriate.
5. The Committee will select a chair and vice-chair, and shall set such rules of procedure as determined by the Committee.
6. The City Council's selection process should ensure that the Committee is comprised of individuals who represent a diversity of interest and ages. Members must have resided in the Gunnison Valley for a period of two years prior to appointment and shall serve for a period of two (2) years, or until their successors are qualified and appointed. The terms of

the members shall be staggered so all terms do not end at one time. A term runs from the date of appointment through December 31 of the appropriate year. Should a vacancy occur, Council shall appoint a successor to serve the balance of term vacated by a Committee member.

7. The Parks and Recreation Director is trained in parks and recreation administration, project and program development, grant submissions, facility management, human resource management, and other applicable tasks, and shall be regarded by the Committee as the professional in all matters pertaining to organization, administration and programming within the Parks and Recreation Department. Members of the Committee may meet with the Director to discuss programs, facilities, objectives or other related matters during formal Committee meetings or such other times convenient to the member and Director. The Committee shall not engage in any day-to-day decisions or actions affecting the Department or the Director's role with the City.
8. Meetings of the Committee shall be set at such time and place desired by the Committee, at least quarterly.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado on the 24th day of May, 2016.

CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

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Richard Hagan, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Gail A. Davidson, City Clerk

## Gail Davidson

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**From:** Matthew Ebbott <mebbott@western.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 8:05 PM  
**To:** Dan Ampietro  
**Subject:** Parks and Recreation Planning Commission

Dan,

Good evening. Please accept this email as an application for the newly formed Gunnison Parks and Recreation Planning Commission. City Councilman Matt Schwartz told me about the Commission and I'd be honored to work on it. I have great respect for Gunnison's Parks and Recreation department, and would be happy to give any help and guidance I could. As you're probably aware, I've been teaching in the Recreation program at Western State since 2002, and instruct specific classes in Parks and Recreation Facility Design and Management. My Master's Degree is in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University. My family and I also use most, if not all, of the Gunnison Recreation Facilities, and many of the programs. I feel this gives me a good perspective on Gunnison's Parks and Recreation.

Please consider me for a seat on the Commission. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Hank Ebbott

Matthew H. Ebbott  
Senior Lecturer,  
Recreation & Outdoor Education and  
the Environment & Sustainability program  
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Western State Colorado University



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## Gail Davidson

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**From:** Stacy Harbaugh <stacymh10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2016 4:16 PM  
**To:** Dan Ampietro  
**Subject:** Letter of Interest for Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

July 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Ampietro and Gunnison City Council:

I read about the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee in the Gunnison Country Times and am writing to submit my letter of interest in being a part of this board.

My experience with the recreation department goes back almost three decades when I participated in sports as a child and later worked as an adult. While attending college I coached various sports and then worked park maintenance my first few summers after getting my first local teaching job.

As a long term local I have a great appreciation for the services provided by our local parks and recreation department. Prior to having my son, my husband and I utilized the pool a great deal. My son, who is almost three, loves to go to the pool. So as a family we are there at least two to three times a week. As a teacher I have also worked closely with several of the pool and recreation center employees to coordinate events for my special education students.

Taking on the role of a board member is not something I take lightly and do understand the importance of such a commitment. I would appreciate having the opportunity to serve on a committee that has provided such a service to the local community.

I appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to having the opportunity to work with you as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Harbaugh

June 29, 2016

To the Gunnison City Council:

I'm writing to express interest in serving on the newly established Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. I have been a resident of the City of Gunnison since 1998. I have also been, and am currently, a regular participant in organized programming such as hockey and softball, am a user of parks and recreation facilities such as local parks, the Van Tuyl trail system, pickleball and tennis courts, and have used the BMX track and community pool, including swim lessons, when my grandson visited. I have strong interest in vibrant parks and recreation programming and facilities in Gunnison and would like to serve the community in this capacity. I view recreation as broad-based, both passive and active, both organized and unstructured, both traditional and alternative, serving multiple constituent groups across a community. I am collegial and collaborative, having served previously as a board member and president for Gunnison Mentors. I currently work full time at Western in academic administration but spent seventeen years as a faculty member, including six as department chair, in the Recreation, Exercise and Sport Science program at Western and have had many students over the years interning, working, or volunteering with the parks and recreation program. Though I work full time, I do have time and energy to commit to this committee if selected. I have an undergraduate degree in parks and recreation, my first job out of college 35 years ago was as a parks and recreation director for a small rural town in Michigan, and I worked part-time for various parks and rec programs in high school and college in the 1970s. I note this to share my love for, and dedication to, community recreation. I am not interested in getting "into the weeds" of the daily operations of Gunnison Parks and Rec - we have competent, dedicated staff to do that. I can, however, bring knowledge, passion, experience, and dedication to this advisory role in a desire to serve the community I love.

Thanks for your consideration,



Kathleen Kinkema  
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## Gail Davidson

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**From:** Dan Ampietro  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 10:08 PM  
**To:** Gail Davidson; Patricia White  
**Subject:** Fwd: Advisory board one more to add

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kristi <[kristimurt@gmail.com](mailto:kristimurt@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** July 14, 2016 at 2:38:16 PM MDT  
**To:** <[DAmpietro@gunnisonco.gov](mailto:DAmpietro@gunnisonco.gov)>  
**Subject:** Advisory board

Dear Dan,

I am writing you in regards to the Recreation Department advisory board that is being newly created. I am interested in being considered as a member of that board.

I believe I am fully qualified for many reasons. First of all, I have lived, worked and played in this community for over 37 years. My children were raised here and participated in most of what the recreation department had to offer. I have worked for many years for the department as well participated in many of its programs so I am very familiar with all that it has to offer.

I have an interest in all of the city recreation programs and feel that I have a good understanding of the needs of our community. I am also willing to learn and would welcome the opportunity to do so.

I hope that you will consider me.

Thank you,  
Kristi Murtaugh

Sent from my iPad  
Sent from my iPad

Dan Ampietro  
Gunnison Parks and Recreation  
Gunnison, CO 81230

Dear Dan,

This letter is intended to express interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee being organized. I would enjoy serving on this board as I believe that recreation is a very important part of life for individuals of all ages.

Best,

Kevin (Nelson)

## **Gail Davidson**

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**From:** Layne Nelson <laynenelson01@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2016 4:59 PM  
**To:** Dan Ampietro  
**Cc:** Layne Nelson  
**Subject:** City Park and Recreation advisory committee

Dan,  
I would like to serve on the City Park and Recreation advisory committee.

I have been a resident of the city for 30 years. As an active adult, I feel I could be an integral member of this committee.

I am retired from WSCU where I managed and developed Extended Studies into a successful, profitable program. By creating new offerings and working with community/state partners, the program grew to a multi-million dollar operation.

Prior to that, I was director of the Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce.

My background in planning, managing and developing programs; creating and overseeing budgets; working with the community and community organizations; and my marketing expertise are skills I will bring to this committee.

I appreciate your consideration of my interest in this committee.

Layne Nelson  
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Gunnison CO



July 6, 2016

Dan Ampietro  
Director for the City of Gunnison Parks and Recreation Department  
200 East Spencer Avenue  
Gunnison, CO 81230

Dear Mr. Dan Ampietro:

I trust this letter find you well and good spirits. Please let this letter serve as my formal notice to you, Dan Ampietro, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Gunnison that I wish to be nominated as a candidate for the City of Gunnison Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

In support of such nomination, I simply offer references and my observations of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Gunnison. I believe the City to be a unique and loved entity for many people throughout the entire valley that provides an abundance of services to its lucky citizens. The City provides many opportunities for recreation not just for the citizens of the City, but for the Gunnison Valley as a whole. This "whole valley" responsibility is a both a challenging one for the employees of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City, but also a gift for the citizens of the Gunnison Valley as your employees strive to provide an active environment for all demographics of the Gunnison Valley. Furthermore, having worked with many of the Parks and Recreation Department's employees through the West Elk Hockey Association, I have personally seen the professional level of commitment through and through from each and every employee.

Below, please find a three references for your benefit and inquiry to substantiate my nomination and hopeful appointment.

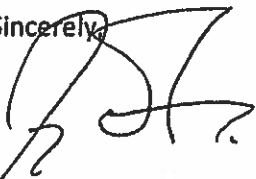
Dan Crean  
Owner, Doubleshot Cyclery  
970 - 209 - 1983

Todd Carroll  
Town of Mt. Crested Butte Community Development Coordinator  
970 - 209 - 9253

Megan McKinley  
Lead Case Manager, Gunnison Valley Mentors  
970 - 596 - 8990

Thank you for your time today, I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Joseph Otsuka  
105 E. New York Ave  
Gunnison, CO 81230

**Gail Davidson**

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**From:** johnsolanik@gmail.com on behalf of John Solanik <fireplaces@gunnison.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 3:57 PM  
**To:** Dan Ampietro  
**Subject:** Parks and Recreation Commission

Dear Parks and Recreation Director,

I am writing to express my interest in participating on the Park and Recreation Committee

As a parent of 2 children and a coach involved in youth programming, I have an interest in assisting the advisory process for the City of Gunnison

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you

*John Solanik*

*604 W Gunnison*

*970-209-8649*

Jennifer Swift  
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Gunnison, CO 81230

July 14, 2016

Dan Ampietro  
City of Gunnison  
Parks and Recreation Dept.  
200 E Spencer Avenue  
Gunnison, CO 81230

Dear Mr. Ampietro,

I understand there is a need for Gunnison Parks and Recreation advisory committee members. As a citizen of the county since 2009, one who resides North of the city limits, and a mother of a young two year old who continually utilizes the amenities of our great city; I believe I could provide useful perspective and professionalism by serving on such a committee.

Since my move to the state of Colorado in 2000, I have resided in many locales such as Avon, Breckenridge, Dillon, Keystone, Arvada, Golden, Green Mountain and Gunnison. I am an avid outdoor recreationalist as well as community facility user. My background in Hospitality keeps me appreciative of quality goods and services as a consumer and merchant. I am also heavily involved with, and employed by, the local non-profit Gunnison Trails. I feel I have a well-rounded understanding of the user groups affected by Parks and Recreation Department decisions. It would bring me great joy to be able to work with this group in an effort to provide our community with thoughtful and purposeful planning and projects.

If you would like to discuss my qualifications further, please don't hesitate to call me at (716) 200-3807. I can also be reached via email at [drimmerj@yahoo.com](mailto:drimmerj@yahoo.com). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Swift

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July 7, 2016

Dear Gunnison City Council,

I would like to be considered for a position on the newly created Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

I have been a resident of the City of Gunnison for nearly 30 years and for the past 18 of those, have been raising children here with my wife, Susan. During that time, we have been continual supporters of Gunnison Parks and Recreation, taking advantage of the facilities, including the community center, swimming pool, city parks and athletic fields, the Hartman Rocks base area, the ice rink, the BMX track and the skatepark.

I have been active in the Hartman Rocks Users Group for years; was instrumental in establishing the current flag football league and have coached youth sports including football, mountain biking and hockey. As an involved parent, I have been involved with countless sports and activities for kids as well as recreational activities for adults.

All of this, combined with the fact that I'm now a card-carrying member of the AARP (even though I'm not retired!) allows me to bring an experienced and well-rounded perspective to this group. Thanks for considering me for one of the seats on this commission.

Sincerely,  
David Wiens